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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON

1. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER:

BEGIN TEXT: " ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IT IS MY HONOR
AND PRIVILEGE IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND AND MY
GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CORDIAL
GREETINGS.

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND 32 YEARS
AGO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED
BY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD-WILL. MAY THEY PROSPER IN
THE FUTURE ON THE FOUNDATIONS LAID IN THE PAST.
WITH WARM REGARDS. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED
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TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

BEGIN TEXT: "ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD
AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL

MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT
ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT
ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, DIGNITY
AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT
GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE." END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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